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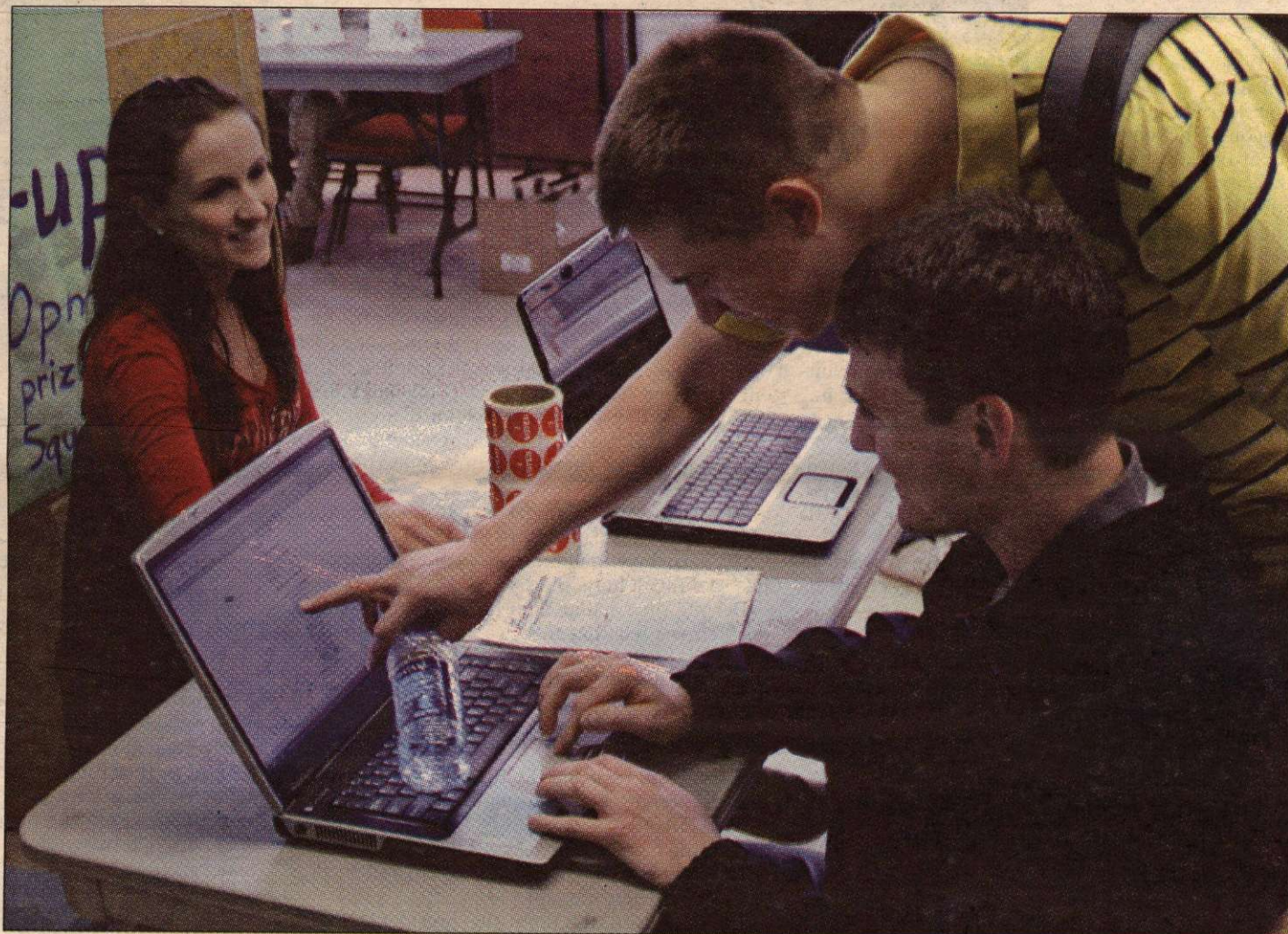
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Andrew Sax looks over Andrew Wright's shoulder as he votes for SA president last Wednesday.

New SA president elected; only 527 students vote

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With low turnout, an unfulfilled victory

Just over 500 students voted in the SA elections that were held on April 7 and 8

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When the polls closed on April 8, Joshua Gillson learned that he is to become the new president of the Student Association (SA). He won the position over opposing candidate Jonatan Mitchell by a slim margin of only nine votes.

The news ought to have been satisfying for Gillson, but even so, he was left with some nagging disappointment.

"I told everybody under the sun while I was campaigning to go vote, but they still didn't log in," Gillson said.

Gillson said he was disappointed with the voter turnout this year—just over 500 students voted. That number is comparable to past years, he said, but when matched up to the total amount of UMD students, it is a very small ratio.

"Next spring, it will definitely be a concern of mine to make sure that the vote does get out," he said.

Senior Steven Dolence was one of the students who voted. He believes that voting, even for something as seemingly minor as student government, is always important.

"It's a privilege we have as students to elect our leaders," he said.

Freshman Nicole Brinkman also voted.

"I met a girl in SA in my orientation rock group and saw that she was running. So, when I received the e-mail about voting, I did," she said. "I wasn't really informed about it, though. I knew a little about it, but not really enough."

While Brinkman feels as if she wasn't very well



Joshua Gillson

informed, freshman Alex Dickhaus said she wasn't informed at all.

"I didn't even know about it," she said of the SA elections. "If I had known enough about it, I probably would have voted."

As for the election process, Gillson feels it went well, and that it has been a valuable learning experience for him.

"It gave me a new and different perspective on the way the elections are run," he said.

This election was different from any he had experienced before, as he and the opposing presidential candidate, Jonatan Mitchell, are friends.

"Jonatan and I know each other very well, so we definitely worked on trying to avoid confronting each other head-on and down-right opposing each other," Gillson said. "That was definitely a different experience for me, since I've really had to fight someone for the vote in past elections."

Victor de Meireles, the vice president-elect of Academic Affairs, shares Gillson's concerns about the voting turnout.

"It's frustrating to not get as many people voting as we could. Getting the word out about anything at UMD is tricky, though, because communication is just so difficult here," he said.

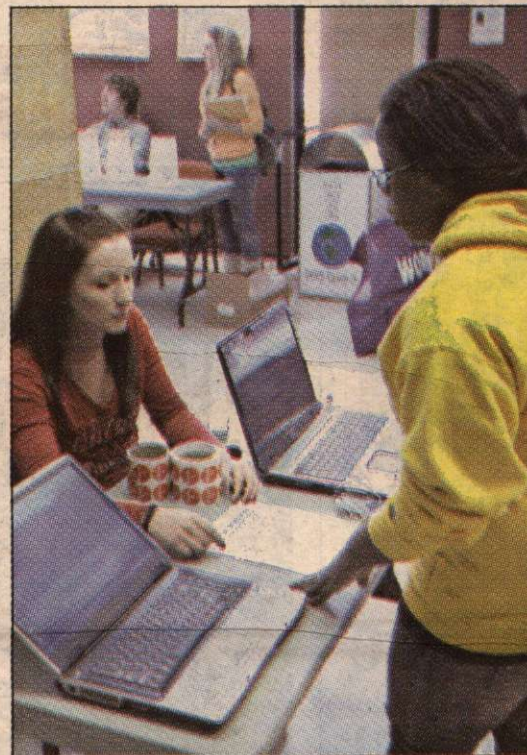
Despite the smaller-than-hoped voting turnout, de Meireles felt that the election went smoothly. Although he did campaign with Mitchell, he looks forward to working with Gillson.

"I'm good friends with both of them," he said. "It was really a contest between two excellent candidates."

Gillson will be using the time between now and then to become better acquainted with the presidential job.

"For the next couple weeks, it'll be my job to talk with current president Ashley Brown, and shadow her as I help her," he said.

Under Gillson, the three vice presidents will be



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Junior Yvonne Nassuna casts a vote in the SA elections last week.

de Meireles, Amanda Moe and Elizabeth Olson. All three ran unopposed.

Together, along with several senators and representatives, the group will represent UMD students. A few representative positions, though, have not been filled, as only 14 people ran for the 16 positions. Their terms will all begin on May 1 of this year.

Non-student arrested for domestic-abuse incident on campus

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An altercation in campus housing led university police to arrest an 18-year-old male on accounts of felony domestic abuse by strangulation, according to Sgt. Tim LeGarde.

The male, a non-UMD student, attacked his 18-year-old girlfriend in her Lake Superior Hall (LSH) dorm room. The altercation then moved

to the LSH main stairwell where the suspect continued abuse, according to LeGarde.

"The suspect grabbed her by the neck and pushed her against the concrete wall," LeGarde said.

The suspect then ran down the hall and, according to LeGarde, police found him in a Griggs study lounge with the lights off.

"He was handcuffed right away. He denied that he had a girlfriend and

denied being involved in the incident," LeGarde said. "He was verbally uncooperative."

The victim and suspect have been in a relationship for a long time, which is considered a significant dating relationship, according to LeGarde.

Immediately after the incident the victim was both emotionally and physically harmed.

"The victim was very upset, crying and hyperventilating. She said

the suspect pushed her around the dorm room. A second victim tried to intervene and that victim was hit and scratched," LeGarde said.

Along with felony domestic abuse charges, the suspect has been charged with fifth-degree assault for his altercation with the victim who tried to intervene. He was also charged with underage consumption and disorderly conduct.

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Recommendations for student service fees passed to chancellor

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The projected \$10 million budget decrease for next fall didn't stop UMD's student organizations from requesting funding for next year. Last week, they plead their case to the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC), which has now passed its recommendations on to the chancellor's office for approval.

Each year, starting in October, student volunteers for the SSFC gather to discuss how the mandatory annual fee assessed to designated students will be disbursed amongst the various student programs, activities and services at UMD. Their goal is to fund programs that support student growth and involvement.

Many students on campus are unaware of this process, and they have no idea as to how their tuition is being spent. But, the fees collected and distributed by the SSFC are not part of student tuition costs—they are an additional fee that is above the cost of tuition.

This means that beyond paying an estimated \$4,115 per semester to the university, each student who is registered for six or more credits will pay an additional charge of roughly \$250 per year, to cover the

student services fee.

The fee collected from students generates roughly \$4.5 million annually, according to the Office of Financial Aid and Registrar's Web site, which says every dollar is accounted for and used with concern for the student body.

Many students may not be concerned so much with the amount, however, but with what the amount is funding.

Nate Haugen, a member of the Kirby Program Board (KPB), explained that the KPB is an organization that receives a portion of the funds collected by the student services fee. The estimated \$110,000 they will receive next year helps pay for concerts on campus, movie nights and guest lectures.

"Our goal is to get students involved with things on campus, and funding from the SSFC helps us accomplish that goal," Haugen said. "We don't focus on one particular group of students. The concerts we offer may not appeal to certain students, just like a guest lecture may seem boring to others."

The SSFC looks for groups like the KPB, who are willing to represent all varieties of the student body, including organizations like Health Services, who are a department-funded group that will re-

ceive an estimated \$1.2 million for next year.

Administrative Director Vicki Schneider explained that the student service fees help cover costs of x-rays, lab tests and salary of the faculty.

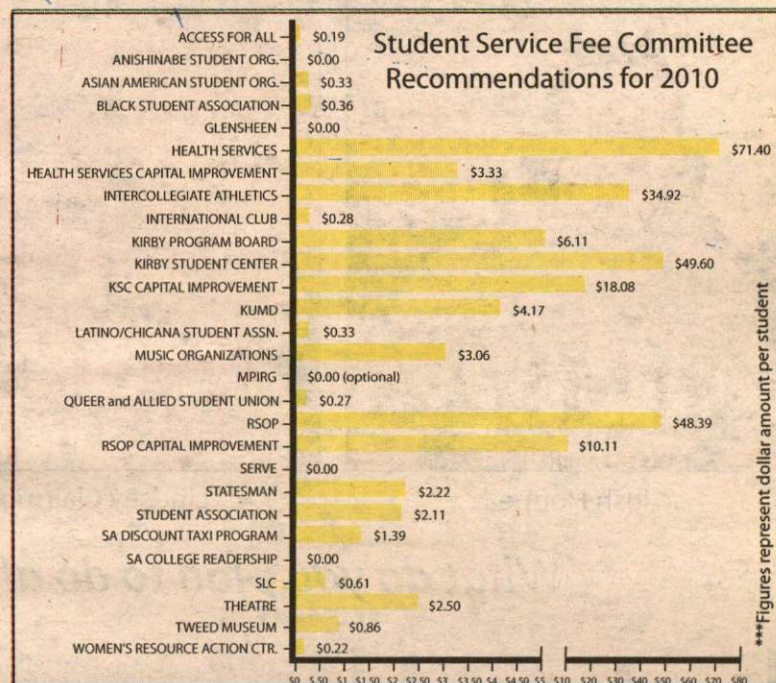
"Half of our funding comes from student service fees," Schneider said. "The rest comes from a third party."

Health services provides students with round-the-clock assistance, and the fees that students pay help cover costs that would normally be charged to someone every time they visit a clinic.

"A student can visit a practice once or twice a month, and usually they would be charged for each visit," Schneider said. "But a student who is assessed the student service fee can come in as many times as they want without having to pay any additional charge."

According to Executive Assistant Chris Stevens, these groups exemplify the mission behind the SSFC, and they fully commit themselves to representing the student body and promoting healthy growth in academia.

Stevens is the silent voice of the SSFC. Stevens, alongside other members of faculty and staff, oversees the committee, but do not in-



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terfere.

"The committee is completely voluntary," Stevens said. "It's nice to see students develop and learn how to work in a real-world setting."

The students gathered weekly to

listen to various student organizations on campus petition for funding next year. In order to determine if a group will receive funding, the SSFC must follow a strict set of guidelines that layout the requirements each organization must meet.

UMD graduate announces Duluth City Council run

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Daniel Hartman

Former Student Association (SA) president and current UMD graduate student Daniel Hartman has announced that he is running for Duluth City Council. Hartman said that he wants to work to bridge the gap between UMD students and their community.

"I have been defending students since 2001 when I joined the student government, and I'm excited to bring that background to the council," Hartman said.

Hartman wants to continue defending students by giving them a voice in the community.

"The city itself has no official line of communication with students of any local college," he said.

To fix this, Hartman wants to bring back the Higher Education Commission, which

was a group of students who met with city officials and represented college students in Duluth.

The commission was disbanded because the students comprising it graduated, and there was not enough awareness on campuses for current students to replace them.

During his time at the SA, Hartman helped build the Better Neighbors program. He said that this program helped get him involved in city politics and led him to run for a city council position.

Hartman grew up in Crosby, Minn., and officially came to UMD in 2001, where his political ambitions were first realized. He majored in history and political science.

"I never ever thought of running for office," he said. "It wasn't until I came to UMD and got involved in the student government that I realized in politics you can really help people."

Hartman is now pursuing a career at the St. Louis County Historical Society recording the oral histories of local veterans. He is also a graduate student in UMD's Masters of Advocacy and Political Leadership program.

Hartman said that his political involvement first began when he and a group of other students complained about a lack of clocks in the hallway.

"It was really petty, but it was annoying," he said.

Hartman said that the administration agreed to fund the idea if they would make plans for where the clocks would go. So, Hartman said that he and his friends simply made the plans, and they received the clocks.

"It was at that moment that I realized there were things you can do," Hartman said.

From there, Hartman has contributed to three campaigns, including Jeff Anderson's and now State Representative Roger Reinert's respective runs for Duluth City Council.

Anderson said he fully supports Hartman's campaign, as the two have similar opinions on the direction the city should take.

"He's a great person who has an incredible amount of energy and passion for Duluth," he said. Hartman said that one of the major areas he wants to work in will be economic development.

"Duluth doesn't have good enough paying

jobs to keep people around," he said. "We have to figure out what's holding us back, change it and move forward."

Hartman said that many of his friends in Duluth have been forced to leave the area for lack of jobs. He said that Duluth should be doing much better than it is with the highway, the airport, the port and the college workforce to bolster its economy.

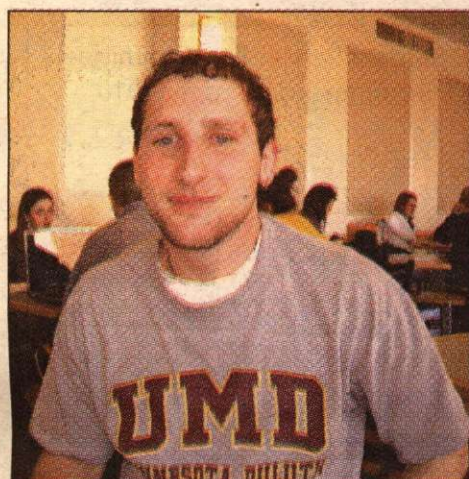
Hartman said he wants to create college housing in areas that students want to live, like downtown, and bring more events to where students are living. He also plans to support the fixing of streets and the promotion of public parks and services.

While Hartman expects some stiff opposition in his race for city council, he said he was confident in his base of support among UMD students.

"I feel my chances are pretty good," he said. "I highly encourage students to vote."

Hartman will be doing a candidate meet-and-greet at Carmody Irish Pub on April 16 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

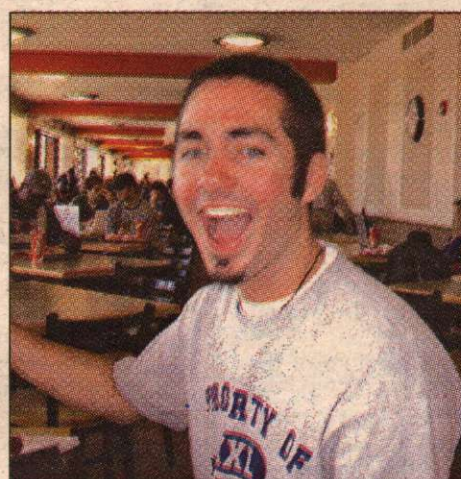
Three graduating seniors were asked one question:



Josh Hoppe



Lindsey Clairmont



Lance Allison

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

Into the unknown

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As the semester slowly draws to a close and thoughts start to drift towards summer instead of homework, one question has been on the minds of many students who have finished their requirements at UMD: What am I going to do after I graduate?

For some, this answer is easy, but for others, the decision is a difficult one to make. Some students want to work, but the troubled job market has many worried about whether or not they will be able to find a job in their field. Graduate school is another option for those who wish to continue their education, and others just want to take some time off.

The Statesman talked to three graduating seniors and asked them about their post-graduation plans.

Lindsey Clairmont

Lindsey Clairmont is a biology major and film studies minor, and said she wants to take a year off after she graduates, but plans on having an eventful summer.

"I hope to become a nurse's aid and probably travel around South America," she said.

She also plans on applying to nursing schools like Eau Claire and the Twin Cities campus.

Clairmont came into UMD as a pre-med student and after volunteering at different hospitals, saw herself really fitting in with patient care and liked the interaction that comes from the line of work.

In addition to her studies, Clairmont plays volleyball, which is a big commitment on its own. That's one of the reasons she was hesitant to go directly into a graduate school.

"I wasn't sure if I could handle four more years," she said. "I was pretty indecisive about schools and I needed more time to figure it out."

Clairmont said she hopes to become a traveling nurse in the United States, where she will be placed at different hospitals around big cities in the country for a few months at a time. She said she hopes on pursuing an emphasis in neonatal care, working with newborn children.

Lance Allison

Lance Allison isn't quite sure what he wants to do after he graduates, but he has some ideas.

"I haven't applied for any jobs yet, but I will as soon as I find the time," Allison said.

With a major in business and a minor in psychology, Allison said he hopes to find a job in the business industry but isn't looking for anything too specific.

"The field isn't very good right now," he said. "Job prospects aren't very high. I'm not looking forward to finding a job."

For now, Allison hopes to find a part-time job, besides donating plasma, and plans on taking the General Management Assessment Test sometime soon.

Allison said that he took a staffing class and learned a lot about how organizations are run, and despite the difficulty he may

have in finding a job in the business world as soon as he graduates, he is optimistic.

"It's bad now, but it will turn around in the near future," he said.

Josh Hoppe

"I'm still in the job search category," Josh Hoppe said.

Hoppe will complete his double major in human resource management and psychology this semester after four years at UMD.

After he graduates, Hoppe hopes to find a full-time human resources job. Hoppe said he thought about going to graduate school, but has decided against it, at least for now.

"The economy won't allow me to," Hoppe said. "I don't have the money for it."

Like many other students, Hoppe has some concern for the job market.

"There's a lot of business down-sizing and HR jobs aren't easy to get right now," Hoppe said. "I'm kind of at a point where any job in business will do, but HR would be nice."

Hoppe said he will stay in Duluth as long as he has to, but hopes to eventually work in the Twin Cities.

For now Hoppe, who served as vice president for the Student Society for Human Resource Management, said networking is the best way for students to get jobs after graduation.

"Meet people in business and people in the career you want," Hoppe said. "That's where you'll find the job opportunities."

Campus News Briefs

Granley to give State of Sustainability update at noon

UMD Sustainability coordinator Mindy Granley will speak about the relevance of sustainability in UMD's current budget cuts in her first annual State of Sustainability update today, April 15, at noon, in the Library Rotunda. Granley said that sustainability is not only environmentally friendly, but could be a great cost saving measure for the university as well. The address will also be an update on what the Sustainability Office has been doing, and what students and faculty can do to make UMD a more sustainable campus, Granley said.

On-campus events to commemorate past and present genocides

The 16th annual Baeumler Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration will be held next week at UMD with individual events being held throughout the week, including an interactive exhibit on the genocide in Darfur, Sudan entitled "Camp Darfur" outside the UMD Library on Tuesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a brown bag lecture by Leonore Baeumler and Deborah Petersen-Perlman on Thursday, April 23, at noon, in the Library Rotunda covering the history of Nuremberg and the Jewish experience of that city. The chair of the Baeumler Kaplan Holocaust Committee, Deborah Petersen-Perlman, said the commemoration was important in preventing genocides in the future. "It's extremely important for people to remember the lessons of history," she said. For a full list of events, head to www.d.umn.edu/cla/holocaust/events.

Soulja Boy "tweets" on cold and protesters

Soulja Boy had a lot to say on the day of his concert at the Romano Gym on Friday, April 3. On his Twitter page, he complained of the bitter cold and of groups on campus protesting his concert. He deemed the concert a success, however, writing just after the concert: "Just got off stage!!! I shut it downnnn!!!!" and later, "Thanks for the love, best time I had on tour in a while."

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After years of setbacks, UMD gets a major for writing studies

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It has been a long time in the making, but finally after years of going from one proposal to another, UMD can now boast its own writing studies major.

The major, approved in December by the U of M system's Board of Regents, will provide students with valuable writing skills as well as a firm grounding in theory, according to faculty associated with the program. The demand for these skills are growing, they say, despite a shifting media landscape—symbolized most notably by the decline of major newspapers across the country.

"Today there are more and more media outlets; demand has grown," said associate professor Ken Risdon, who assisted in the creation of the major. "We've found that writing is always a desirable trait."

So far, only seven students have signed up for the program. This is likely due to students who plan to declare but haven't yet, as well as

those weighing the options of either finishing out their current journalism and professional writing minors or taking the added step of making it a major, said writing studies department head Jill Jenson.

She said that students asking for a writing program was the major impetus for creating the major.

"We've had many requests for this program," she said.

The major will be split into two tracks: professional writing and journalism, with significant overlap between the two. Both tracks will include courses across a wide array of disciplines.

There aren't many programs like it in the area, according to Jenson.

"They focus on technical writing," she said of similar programs, "while this program will bring in a theoretical perspective."

She pointed out one of the core courses of the program, Intro to Writing Studies, as an example. The class will cover the overall function of writing, she said. In addition,

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12:30 p.m. *Campus Energy Research: Multiple-Energy Source Integration*

1:00 p.m. *Energy: Choices, Issues, and UMD's Role*

2:00 p.m. *Go lean before you go green: Why energy conservation comes first*

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the major will also incorporate linguistics courses, giving students a sense of the structure and mechanics of written language.

Students will also gain technical skills, with courses being offered on digital storytelling, grant writing and newsroom practices, among others.

The major took a winding road to get to its current point.

Initially, said Jenson, there were separate proposals brought up for professional writing and journalism majors, but when both hit roadblocks in gaining Board of Regents approval, it occurred to faculty members to combine the two under one program.

"After that, all the pieces sort of came together," she said. "It made complete sense."

A major selling point with the current program was that it would require no additional faculty or courses to create by incorporating a wide array of disciplines and combining those that already overlapped.

Assistant professor John Hatcher found significant overlap with the existing journalism minor, which, at 32 required credits, was much larger than typical minors.

To make it work as a major, Hatcher worked to combine related courses, getting rid of some like News Layout and Design and Research for Reporters, with the skills taught in each incorporated into existing editing and reporting courses.

"Now we have a reduced number of courses overall and a greater variety of disciplines," Hatcher said.

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Ben Ness takes some time during his UROP research by Brighton Pier in Brighton, England.

UROP gives chance for research; record high numbers this year

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The number of students taking advantage of the UMD's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) is on the rise with a surge in applications this spring semester.

UROP offers undergraduate students an opportunity to access financial awards to fund research projects, scholarly or creative, in partnership with a faculty member.

Twice a year, students who attend a U of M school have the opportunity to apply for a UROP.

To participate in a UROP, a student first needs to pick a topic, question or project idea and find a faculty mentor to write a recommendation. Then they create a proposal with a budget, and fill out an application on-line.

Ben Ness, a senior, spent his J-term in England participating in a UROP.

A typical UROP does not include traveling out of the country, but, according to Ness, his research on antisemitism in London during the 1650s was quickly exhausted in the United States.

The majority of Ness' costs were covered by the stipend and expense allowances awarded through UROP.

The budget for the proposal can allot up to \$1,700. This includes a stipend for time spent working on the project of up to \$1,400 and an expense allowance of up to \$300 for expenses required by the project.

This money is distributed as the student works on their project through a time-card system.

Ness received his stipend differently though, opting to front the costs of his travel and be reimbursed afterwards.

"The faculty-sponsor relationship is key to a successful UROP," Ness said, reflecting on his experiences.

Ness formulated his research topic with his faculty mentor, history professor Steve Matthews, and collaborated with him during the project.

"The opportunity really brought my field to life; it made the research really mean something," Ness said. "It is a huge resume builder; participating in a UROP gave me first-hand, field research experience that will help with graduate school."

CLA's UROP Director Jerry Pepper has noticed a rising number of applications.

There were a total of 452 applicants throughout the U of M system in the spring semester—the highest number ever. UMD contributed 92 of those applications.

"It's an exceptionally good opportunity that allows students to pursue a question they are interested in,"

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Crime map helps keep citizens aware

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A new Internet tool is helping keep Duluth community members safe. The Web site, www.crimemapping.com, shows an interactive map of crimes happening throughout the Duluth area, and offers a subscription so members of the community can receive e-mail alerts about crimes happening close to their homes.

"It informs people about what has been going on in their neighborhood and makes them more aware of trends of crime that are going on that they might not be aware of," said Duluth's Chief-of-Police, Gordon Ramsay, about the Web site.

The Duluth police department recently began mapping out crime in Duluth, and in the last month over 200 members have already signed up to receive the e-mail alerts, according to Ramsay.

Their goal is to have 1,000 members by the end of this year.

The Duluth police department urges that people seek out information about what is going on in the neighborhood. Trends like vehicular theft and burglary can be stopped if citizens are aware of them and know to lock up their vehicles and houses, Ramsay said.

Suspicious activity can also jog people's memories about crimes they noticed on the site, helping track down criminals or stop crime before it happens.

The crime mapping Web site is automatically updated numerous times a day, directly from the Duluth police department's records management system.

The most common crime reported is labeled as a "disturbance" on the Web site. Ramsay said this qualifies as

many things, including college parties, which tend to be the most common offense in the UMD area.

"It's a wide net; it could mean a college party, fire-crackers, someone being loud like a person being loud disturbing neighbors or it could be a drunk," Ramsay said. "It's one of our most frequent calls, but it's by no means all college-related."

UMD students could get informed about the crimes happening around them by signing up.

Sophomore Steve Schiller hadn't heard about the crime mapping site when asked about it, but thinks he should sign up to find out what his neighbors are up to.

"My roommate just walks out the door without locking it, and it kind of pisses me off," Schiller said.

He lives in Central Hillside, an area that he considers crime ridden.

"There's druggies across the road, and I always try to lock the door so they don't steal my stuff," he said.

Randy Potter, an active member of the Duluth citizen patrol in Gary New Duluth, has found the Web site very helpful in keeping a watch on the crime in his neighborhood.

"I've been looking at the times when there's the most criminal activity," Potter said. "The citizen patrol would do it mostly at night, but I found out that most crime was happening during the day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. So we changed our patrolling time and now are doing a lot in the day time."

To sign up for the e-mail alerts, visit the Web site at www.crimemapping.com.

"It's a wave of the future," Ramsey said, urging citizens to help out the police department and sign up.

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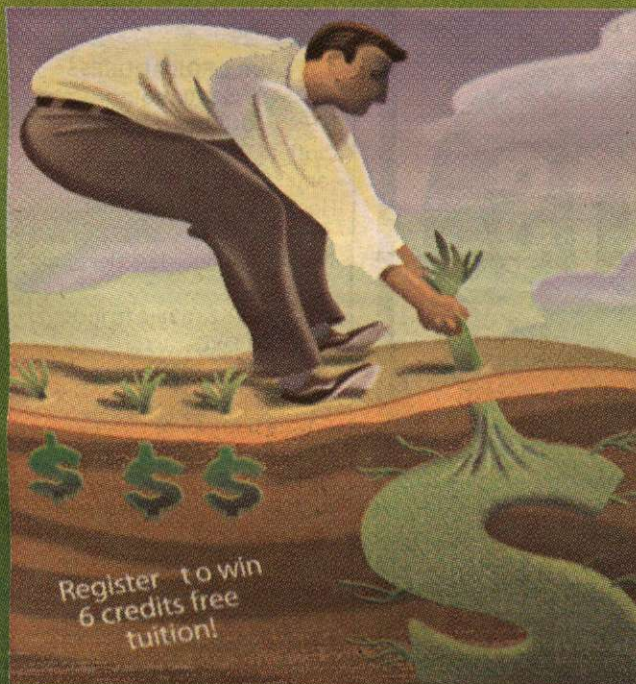
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This week's guest mentor on "American Idol" is none other than director Quentin Tarantino. But wait, he is a director and not a singer! The maker of such famous films as "Pulp Fiction" and "The Kill Bill" series has a great deal of experience filling box office blockbusters with just the right music.

According to Access Hollywood, Tarantino will be on hand to give advice on picking the right song on the "Idols at the Movies" week. Watch tonight on FOX for Oscar winner and A.I. alum, Jennifer Hudson, and tween superstar, Miley Cyrus, perform.

There is a new member of the Obama family. A 6-month-old Portuguese Waterdog (PWD) was given to the First Family from Mas-

sachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, who is an avid breeder of the PWD, according to the New York Times. The dog has been named Bo, after Blues Musician, Bo Diddley. Having said before to reporters that the family dog would come from an animal shelter, The New York Times reports the Obama's made a donation to the D.C. Humane Society in Bo's honor.

With Britney Spears' tour, Circus, well under way, it was only a matter of time before the troubled Pop Princess did something outrageous. Last weekend, Miss Spears was playing at a sold out concert in Northern California when she was caught on youtube.com yelling, "Wassup, Sacramento?" The only problem, she was in San Jose! Obviously, geography is not one of her strong points.

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Pepper said. "In my opinion, any student who thinks they are going to go to graduate school would be a fool not to do a UROP."

Every spring semester UMD puts on a showcase to feature the work and accomplishments of students who participated in UROP or have pursued independent studies.

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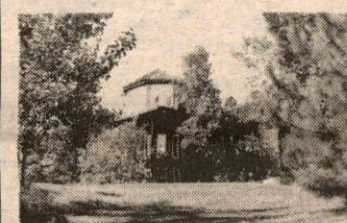
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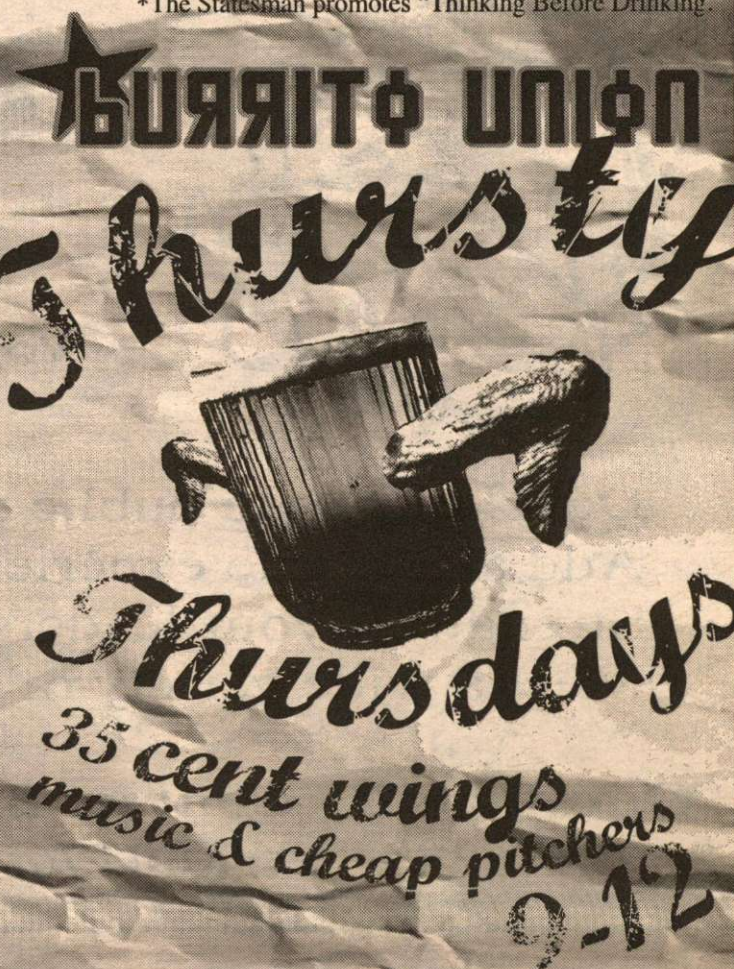
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Obama brings a fresh perspective on environment

BY MANDEE KUGLIN

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Former President Teddy Roosevelt once said, "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land, but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations to come after us." And, in keeping with the spirit of Roosevelt, President Barack Obama signed an omnibus bill protecting two million acres of land throughout the country in nine different states, much to the dismay of many Republicans.

The passing of this legislation will protect wilderness in states such as Alaska, California, Oregon and West Virginia and prevent the destruction of land and resources that should be preserved for future generations.

Obama's signing of this bill marks a testament to the new direction his administration wishes to take. It's refreshing to see a presidential administration show respect for the planet we live on, especially considering all that we take for granted that Mother Nature provides.

For me, this bill is a positive step. Coming from a religion where nature is essential to life and worship, passing laws that preserve and protect all that nature provides only means positive things for our future.

However, according to the Huffington Post article entitled "Obama Signs Wilderness Bill," Republicans consider this bill a block toward developments of large quantities of federal land.

In reality, I believe the Republicans are upset over the passing of this bill because they

find it to be a waste of money and resources in a time of economic crisis. According to the Huffington Post article entitled "House Defeats Wilderness Bill," the bill is said to cost roughly \$four to \$10 billion over a five-year time span.

But, after all the abuses we have inflicted upon our planet, putting money toward sustaining the environment and ensuring us an opportunity to have a life on this planet is worth any amount of money. The least we can do is repay nature with the protection of national forests and parks for all the injustice we have dealt it.

Republicans are not only hesitant over the amount of money this bill may cost, but also over the blocking of oil drilling in lands that they consider public. However, oil drilling does nothing but cause more harm toward

the environment and feeds mankind's selfish needs for resources and disinterest of the adverse effects it has on nature.

Those opposed to this bill need to step out of Bush-era policies and attitudes regarding the environment. Viewing nature as merely an asset to obtain goods is a narrow-minded view that many Americans have begun to step away from.

What this bill brings us is a better perception of how the environment should be treated. Maybe some view it as a waste of money or an attempt to thwart oil production, but I personally view it as a way for Americans to realize just how delicate the earth can be. We only have one; we might as well make it last.

Relations with Turkey need more time in the oven

BY JESSE MEEHL

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During the Bush presidency, many of our allies were alienated by U.S. foreign policy. During his recent trip to Europe, President Barack Obama showed that he wanted to cooperate with other nations. But when it comes to Turkey, the president's foreign policy needs a little more time in the oven.

Turkey is unique, situated between Europe and the Middle East, and naturally has problems of both a European and a Middle Eastern nature. Being a primarily Muslim nation, they are naturally concerned about their religion and how it is perceived elsewhere. And Turkey has been trying to get into the European Union (EU) for a while. Obama touched on both of these issues in his recent visit to Turkey.

According to the Yahoo News article, "Obama to Muslim world: No U.S. war with Islam," Obama wants Turkey to be allowed entrance to the EU. According to their Web site, the EU has qualifications called the Copenhagen Criteria that need to be met before

a country is allowed admittance. One of these criteria is causing problems for Turkey. This criteria states, "The candidate country must have achieved stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy ... human rights and respect for and protection of minorities."

Turkey has a pathetic record on human rights. Human Rights Watch's 2009 World Report lists the following abuses in Turkey: police brutality, especially towards those of Kurdish descent, a court system tolerant of this brutality, free speech restrictions aimed at Kurds, writers and human rights activists and a ban on headscarves. These abuses are clearly significant obstacles to gaining admittance into the EU. But this doesn't seem to bother Obama. America isn't part of Europe; we don't have any say in the policy of the EU, and it should stay that way. Obama is simply meddling in strictly European affairs. This type of meddling is what created the perception that we are at war with Islam.

We are being delusional if we think that the anti-American animosity in the Middle East came out of nowhere. The reason there is such hatred toward America is because we are meddling where we don't belong. How

many places do our troops really need to be right now? Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the United Arab Emirates? And of course there is the uneasiness about Iran. No wonder people in the Middle East, primarily Muslims, think that America has it in for them. In the previously mentioned Yahoo article, Obama states, "The United States is not and will never be at war with Islam." It wouldn't be necessary for him to bring this up if it weren't an issue.

The president has the right idea: We can't treat Islam as an enemy. But we can't just say that; we need to show them that that's the case. We weren't at war with Islam during 9/11 or the U.S.S. Cole. But that didn't stop Muslim extremists from painting us as the bad guy. If we have troops in every country in the Middle East, it sure looks like we're at war with something, and since we had troops deployed before Bush even coined the term "War on Terror," people in the Middle East aren't going to buy that. If we don't get our troops away, with the possible exception of Afghanistan, then the president is going to look like a hypocrite. A foreign policy that

doesn't meddle in other countries' business is less likely to alienate world leaders and cause retaliation. We should finish what we need to: get Bin Laden and get out of the Middle East for good.

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Birds flock to Duluth in stunning numbers

Close to 7,000 raptors counted already this spring

BY DAVID COWARDIN
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Ornithology teacher at UMD, Anna Peterson, compared watching birds arrive in the spring to watching a fleet of insects on the sidewalk. The sky is riddled with birds this time of year.

According to the West Skyline Hawk Count, 6,898 raptors have been spotted migrating up the North Shore over the course of 246.75 observing hours so far this spring. So, if you were to go birding for one hour, there is a chance of seeing approximately 28 raptors! For clarification, a raptor is a bird of prey, such as a hawk, eagle or owl.

At the same time these raptors are on the move, a plethora of songbirds are arriving in Duluth after migrating thousands of miles, sometimes all the way from South America, just to taste those juicy Minnesota bugs.

"We have one of the biggest concentrations of birds in Minnesota compared to the rest of the United States because of the boreal forest," Peterson said.

According to Peterson, birding is easy; all you need is a pair of binoculars and a bird book for identification purposes.

"We are in prime hawk migration right now," Peterson said with excitement.

She explained how hawks and

eagles follow some sort of topography, and in Duluth, that topography happens to be the rivers, most notably the St. Louis River. If you have been hoping to view these birds, it would be beneficial to head up to Enger Tower where you can see them coming from the south along the St. Louis River. Also, heading down to the banks of the river could provide some close up sightings. In fact, Peterson saw a group of eagles sitting on the ice of the St. Louis River not too long ago. She also has recommendations in regards to the time of the day these birds are most prominent.

"When hawks migrate, they take advantage of thermals, so to see a lot of hawks migrate on clear days you're going to want to wait until the ground warms up," she said. So heading out around 9 a.m. would be ideal.

As for the songbirds, they travel at night, following their internal compass. Peterson said that these small birds have the ability to sense the world's magnetic field, so they know which way is north and which way is south. So, hard-core birders will roll out of bed around 4 a.m. to see the massive influx of these birds.

Terry Hams, an Integrated Biosciences (IBS) graduate student, has done a lot of work at the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory banding songbirds last fall. As for the spring, Hams is going on an owl ex-

pedition to listen for owls at 10 different points along a 10-mile route. He said it's exciting to see all the different species, and that there is always something new to see every time you go out.

"Even if you see the same thing, maybe it's a different behavior or something you haven't seen before," Hams said.

If you want to view songbirds and be surrounded by their chorus, Hams recommends going to Park Point because most of these birds get concentrated there. He also said that larger birds of prey often hang around Park Point to pick off the smaller songbirds. Aside from Park Point, Jay Cooke State Park and both Lester and Enger Park are among his favorite places to bird.

"Enger and Lester are really good just because there are so many people. I think the birds are used to people so you can get really close to them," he said.

Conservation Issues:

Even though springtime yields great birding opportunities, rising concern over the well being of these birds is also an emerging issue. Up the North Shore near Grand Marais, Minn. and Grand Portage, Minn., wind turbines are to be implemented sometime in the near future. These turbines will help bring energy efficiency to northern communities, but they could also pose a



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A Merlin registers the horizon with a captivating eye.

threat to the migratory patterns of our greatly prized birds.

"Any time you put a structure in the air, it's an obstacle," Peterson said.

Peterson is working on what she

calls the "North Shore Migration project," which is a study of migration habits and patterns birds display on the North Shore. After

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SCOTT SCHMIDLEY / STATESMAN

Kelsey Hero constructs a camp chair.

Students sew their own camp chairs

BY SCOTT SCHMIDLEY
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A good comfy camp chair can be hard to find and fairly expensive. On Wednesday, April 8, RSOP held an event that allowed students to make their own portable comfy camp chairs in an affordable way.

"They are really great for traveling light in the woods," said recreation-outdoor education major and instructor Brian Hard. "You wouldn't believe some of the fights over a

good comfy camp chair."

The students used nylon webbing and pack-cloth, 15-inch stays and two pieces of foam to construct the portable chairs. The design enables use for anything from bleacher seating at a soccer game to camping and wilderness adventures deep in the woods.

UMD students Kelsey Hero and Kathryn Larson will be taking theirs to the Boundary Waters this summer, and junior Jenny Wine will be taking her camp chair to the beach in

San Diego this July.

A modest price estimate for a new camp chair is about \$30 at a sporting goods store, but RSOP's do-it-yourself workshop offered students this opportunity for just \$16.

RSOP offers many similar services that aim to spare the wallets of UMD students from the harsh realities of real world pricing. Dates and times are available at www.UMDRSOP.org.

Student outdoor educators share teaching techniques and methods

BY DAVID COWARDIN
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From April 3 to April 5, students from four colleges throughout the Midwest assembled at Northland College in Ashland, Wis. to share their diverse outdoor education models. It was the 10th Annual Student Outdoor Educator's Conference, and close to 60 students made the trip, including UMD sophomore Nathan Williams.

"It brings together a number of students in outdoor education and also some who are elementary education students," Williams said.

He said he was there to share his knowledge. His presentation at the conference was called "Get Your Group Going!" and was meant to share his thoughts on how to lead a group on an outdoor adventure. He put his fellow outdoor educators through various scenarios, making his presentation very inclusive.

"It was more of a workshop than a presentation," he said. "It was highly interactive."

Williams said the presentations varied quite a bit. He recalled one in particular where the presenter, a student from Farris State University in Michigan, taught educators how to engage elementary students in the outdoors by having them draw their favorite outdoor

experience. This presentation was also very inclusive; the Farris State student had everyone draw his or her favorite pastime experience from the outdoors.

Junior Brian Hard, a fellow UMD student, presented on how to sew your own outdoor gear. This presentation was the one Williams enjoyed the most. Over the two nights that the educators camped out, Hard actually slept in a sleeping bag he constructed.

"He's done so much experimenting," Williams said. Williams will be going to North Carolina to work for Outdoor Bound this summer to lead trips, which he is very excited for. This conference was a way for him to further his leadership skills and prepare for his summer responsibilities. Williams doesn't lead groups solely for the outdoor experience; he also enjoys passing on his knowledge to others, and getting to see them experience new adventures.

"It's cool to see people doing things they didn't know they could do," Williams said, "that's a special thing."

Next year, the conference will be held at UMD, and Williams is hoping that will spark more interest in the outdoors program on campus, one in which he has been active in over the course of the year.

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studying these patterns, Peterson hopes to work with the northern communities in coming to a conclusion as to where the wind turbines should be erected.

The problem with wind turbines is that the blades move so fast and appear as a blur, which consequently gives the birds the idea that they can pass right through.

She has many people assisting her in this mission including: Heidi Seeland, a UMD grad student, Jerry Niemi, of the Natural Resources Research Institute, Jan Green and Janelle Long, of Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory and Daryl Peterson, of The Nature Conservancy.

"We know there are thousands of birds coming down the North Shore," Peterson said. "We're trying to figure out where they are concentrated so we can give these communities guidelines."

Other conservation issues include habitat fragmentation and loss. It may seem like birds can survive in a small cluster of trees, but, according to Peterson, they need a continuous, dense forest where they will not fall prey



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A Fox Sparrow catches some warm sun rays.

to other species and threatening weather. Land fragmentation and loss occurs when loggers extract a section of trees or new developments are erected. Luckily, activists like Peterson are working strenuously to preserve our birds. After all, birds are responsible for eating those pesky mosquitoes, so every effort to preserve their habitat could end up saving you an itch this summer.

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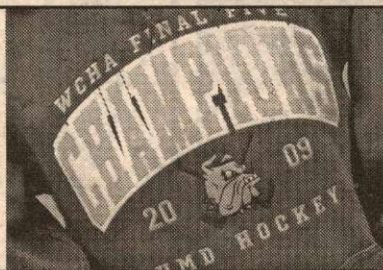
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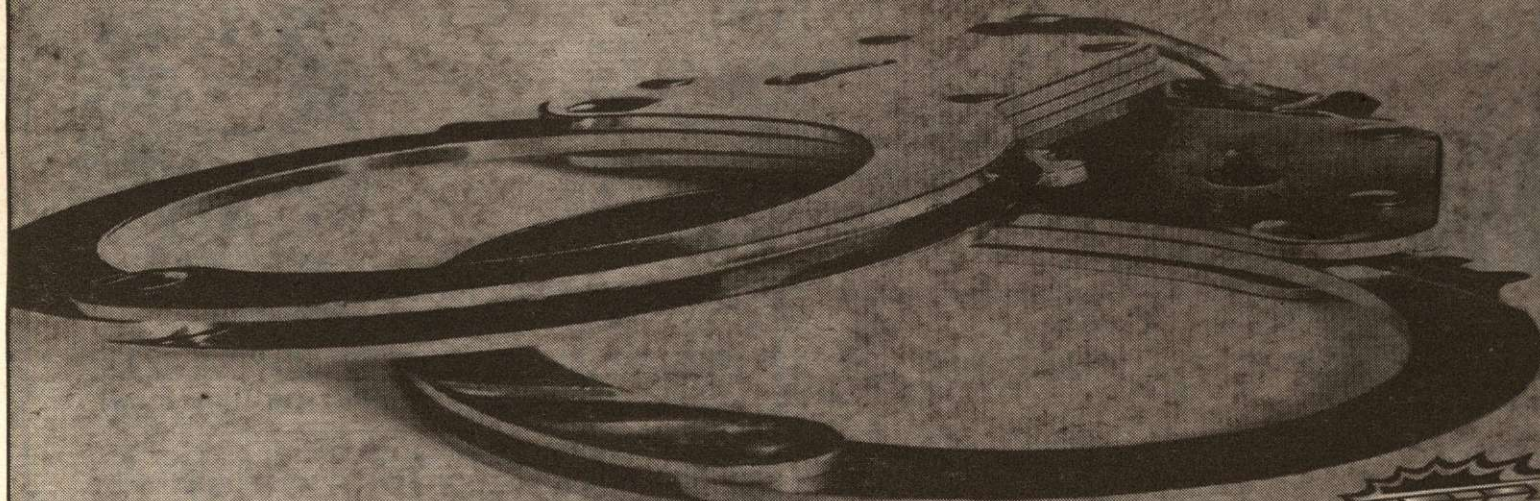


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LaCrosse season picks up

Starting their home games this week are the softball and baseball teams, but don't forget about the lacrosse team as well.

The team will face the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on April 18 at 7:30 p.m., on Griggs field, and will then try to use home field to their advantage against Mankato

the next day, April 19, while looking to better their 8-3 record.

Game two against the Mavericks is set for 1 p.m. Students get in free to both games with their U Cards.

Athlete of the week

BY BRIAN MICHAUD
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This spring, seasoned UMD third baseman David Olson returns for his senior year. Playing in all 30 games this season, Olson has recorded team highs in HRs (6) and RBIs (28), according to the UMD Web site. Last season, Olson was selected to the All-North Central Conference team and was a two-time honorable mention for the All-NCC team. As a sophomore, Olson was honored by being selected to the Daktronics All-Central Region team, one of only two third basemen selected. He fronts an experienced Bulldog infield trying to reverse their 9-21 record this season.

High School: Lakeville high school

Major: Engineering
Year: Senior

Favorite Sport (besides baseball): Hockey

Favorite Movie: "Kingpin"
"I'm a big Bill Murray fan," Olson said.

Most memorable sports moment: Winning the state baseball tournament in high school

Favorite professional sports team: The Minnesota Twins

"I have met a lot of interesting people through the baseball team, and it has been a good experience," he said.

Although their season has had a rough start, Olson keeps the faith.

"Our season has not gone exactly as expected so far. We continue to work hard and take it game by game," he said.

After graduation, Olson hopes to pursue a career as an engineer.

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Senior Stephanie Keller returns a volley.

A split for UMD Tennis

BY MARK WARNER
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Playing in two of their final meets of the year, UMD's tennis team achieved mixed results last week. After losing 6-3 to the Winona State Warriors at home on Monday, the Dogs volleyed back to defeat the Bemidji State Beavers 5-4 on the road in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) play, according to the UMD Web site.

Little went right for the Bulldogs (8-6 overall, 7-4 NSIC) versus second-place Winona (7-8, 5-1) last Monday. After being swept in the doubles portion of the meet, the Dogs found themselves in a hole heading into singles play. Despite an impressive straight-sets win by Kelly Rosengren (6-1, 6-2) and two marathon victories by Katie Bolf (3-6, 7-6, 9-7) and Carrie Dahlman (3-6, 6-4, 11-9), the Dogs never recovered from their doubles deficit. McCall Ashton was the only other Bulldog to take a set and Winona cruised to the 6-3 victory, according to Winona's Web site.

Luckily for the Dogs, an excellent bounce-back opportunity presented itself Wednesday, during the trip to

Bemidji, Minn. Wanting desperately to avoid another 3-0 doubles defeat, UMD wasted no time in jumping to an early lead after sweeping the Beavers in the meet's pairs portion.

The teams of Rose Phippen and Bolf; Stephanie Keller and Dahlman; and Rosengren and Ashton all beat their Beaver counterparts to ensure the Dogs would have a comfortable lead going into singles, and the Dogs would need all of it.

Despite losing the singles session 4-2, UMD took home the win as Bolf and Dahlman each won again to guarantee a 5-4 Bulldog victory, according to Bemidji's Web site.

The Dogs now sit alone in sixth place in the NSIC with only two regular season meets left to play, according to the NSIC Web site. After the regular season schedule is completed, the Dogs will head to Minneapolis for both the team and individual conference tournaments, which begin April 25.



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UMD's 2009 Woman's Softball team.

Women's softball goes 1 for 4 over the weekend

Unexpected road games tough on team

SOFTBALL

BY KJESTINE STEINBRING
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The women's softball team hit the road again last weekend to face Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference foes Minnesota State-Mankato and Southwest Minnesota State.

The Bulldogs faced the Mankato Mavericks on Friday for a doubleheader. The first game proved to be a frustrating battle as the Mavericks compiled five runs to give them the 6-1 lead. Sophomore Casey Moore was able to put one out of the park, but it just wasn't in the cards for the Bulldogs as the Mavericks won 6-3.

After the earlier game, the Mavericks really hit their stride and scored 12 runs off 16 hits. They put UMD away in just five innings. While the Dogs were able to score three runs, they couldn't find the momentum to regain control of the game.

On Saturday, they traveled to Marshall, Minn. to take on Southwest Minnesota State, and junior Kristin Danielson provided the pitching to get the job done.

In the first game of the doubleheader, she gave up only one hit and the Dogs were able to help her out with six runs of their own. After getting a 3-0 lead right away in the first inning, the girls were able to get three other runs in the later innings. Moore had another show-stopping performance, batting in two hits and scoring three of the UMD runs.

The second game was not as strong offensively as the Mustangs shut down the Dogs 2-0. A two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth gave the lead away and eventually secured the win, according to the UMD Web site.

The team returns to Duluth to play today, Wednesday, April 15, in their home opener. Game time is set for 2 p.m.



Heather Stemper winds to pitch.

Bulldogs continue to muddle through season

BASEBALL

BY BEN JOHNSON
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The Bulldogs went 3-3 in six games last week, dropping two to Minnesota State-Mankato and going 3-1 in four weekend contests against Northern State.

Tuesday

On Tuesday, sophomore shortstop Tyler Erickson singled in junior outfielder Will Dahlgren for the Bulldogs lone run as UMD fell to Mankato 2-1.

Mankato (22-10, 15-1) scored two runs in the second inning for a 2-0 lead and the Bulldog's sixth inning rally fell just short, wasting freshman pitcher Ben Jungers' superb effort on the mound. He went five innings, allowing two runs on seven hits while picking up the loss.

In Tuesday's nightcap UMD starter Adam Cook recorded only one out before being pulled. He gave up four of the Maverick's five runs in the first inning. In the 9-4 loss the Bulldogs made four errors, according to the UMD Web site.

Friday

The weekend home opener was again postponed due to poor field conditions so UMD took on Northern State at Richfield High School, 160 miles south of Duluth.

On Friday, the Bulldogs swept Northern State, winning 4-0 in the first game and 7-3 in the second.

Gary Wilfhart Jr. had a complete game shutout in the 4-0 victory, allowing only four hits for his first victory of the year. Will Dahlgren

coated 3-3 with three runs and two stolen bases to lead the Dogs.

UMD again got great pitching in Friday's second game, with two-sport athlete Collin Stinogel giving up one earned run in five innings for his second win of the season. Stinogel also plays wide receiver for the UMD football team, according to the UMD Web site.

Freshman Anders Engberg had a pivotal two-run single in the fifth to put the Bulldogs ahead for good. UMD racked up 13 hits in the game and had four players with 2 hits or more.

Saturday

In the first game, freshman pitcher Mark Shaver cruised through 3 1/3 of no-hit ball before things fell apart. After giving up a double to ruin his no-hit bid, Shaver hit or walked five of the next nine Northern State batters. Northern State had just two hits in their five run fifth inning rally, which paved the way to their 6-3 victory.

In the second game, UMD rode a five run rally of their own to a 7-0 shutout victory. The Bulldogs put up five runs in the first inning and four players had two or more hits.

Engberg struck out eight in six scoreless innings on the mound. He also helped his cause by going 2-3 at the plate with two RBIs.

The Bulldogs hope to open their season at home on Wednesday, when they're slated to face Mankato in Duluth. Then they head to Bemidji, Minn. for a pair of weekend doubleheaders on April 18-19.